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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

For sometime I have felt the need to schedule mobilization exercises in phase with the development of mobilization plans. Such a schedule should be of assistance to all agencies in planning their work programs.

I am enclosing a proposed schedule of test exercises through Operation Alert 1957, together with a description of the quarterly Problem Exercises to be conducted "in place," and instructions for the first Problem Exercise to be conducted December 10 - 12, 1956.

Problem Exercises are a new venture. They are for the purpose of permitting us to pursue matters of substantive significance without the limitations necessarily imposed in the annual integrated exercise, Operation Alert.

In order to complete the first Problem Exercise before the Christmas Holidays and to give participants the maximum amount of time to prepare for it, I have taken the liberty of issuing guidance for that exercise without the benefit of your advance criticisms and suggestions. I hope, however, that you will feel free to pass on to me any suggestions that you or your associates may have.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Flemming
Director

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